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February 15, 1963

Dear Mr. McCone:

As you know, the Air Force has been studying at some length further utility of the A-12 or some modification thereof. We have recently had approval by the Secretary of Defense for a 138,000 pound, two-place reconnaissance version of the basic A-12 design, to be known as the R-12.

Your organization in three previous instances, the U-2, the A-12 and the AF-12 (the long range interceptor version), has acted as a procurement agent for the Air Force.

Inasmuch as the decision has already been made that the R-12 program will be administered in the black, it is requested that you again perform as the procurement agent for the R-12.

A memorandum of understanding similar to that existing for the AF-12 program is being drawn up and will be reviewed with the appropriate personnel in Dr. Scoville's office in the immediate future.

25X1A Necessary funding arrangements will be worked out through [redacted] and the Air Force program director.

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted]  
Joseph V. Charyk  
Director

National Reconnaissance Office

Honorable John A. McCone  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

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